

NOT FOR CITATION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 BYRON DEWAYNE RILEY, ) No. C 10-02581 JF (PR)  
12 Petitioner, ) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
13 vs. )  
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15 GROUNDS, Warden, )  
16 Respondent. )  
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18 Petitioner, a California state prisoner at the Correctional Training Facility in  
19 Soledad, proceeding pro se, seeks a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28  
20 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging the 2009 decision of the Board of Parole Hearings (“Board”)  
21 finding him unsuitable for parole. Petitioner has paid the filing fee. The Court orders  
22 Respondent to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

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24 **STATEMENT**

25 According to the petition, Petitioner was sentenced in 1990 to eighteen years to life  
26 in state prison after a jury found him guilty of second degree murder in Los Angeles  
27 County Superior Court. (Pet. 2.) Petitioner challenges the Board’s decision denying him  
28 parole after a parole suitability hearing on January 5, 2009. Petitioner filed habeas

1 petitions in the state superior court, state appellate court, and the state supreme court, all  
2 of which were denied as of May 12, 2010. Petitioner filed the instant federal petition on  
3 June 11, 2010.

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## 5 DISCUSSION

6 **A. Standard of Review**

7 This Court may entertain a petition for writ of habeas corpus “in behalf of a person  
8 in custody pursuant to the judgment of a state court only on the ground that he is in  
9 custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States.” 28  
10 U.S.C. § 2254(a); *Rose v. Hodges*, 423 U.S. 19, 21 (1975).

11 A district court shall “award the writ or issue an order directing the respondent to  
12 show cause why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that  
13 the applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto.” 28 U.S.C. § 2243.

14 **B. Petitioner’s Claims**

15 As grounds for federal habeas relief, Petitioner alleges the following: (1) the  
16 Board’s decision was not supported by some evidence, thereby violating due process,  
17 (Pet. Attach. at 1); (2) petitioner has a liberty interest in parole release, (*id.* at 2); and (3)  
18 the denial of parole for the fifth time based on “immutable circumstances of the  
19 commitment offence, while ignoring rehabilitation demonstrated by long term exemplary  
20 programming deprives Petitioner of due process,” (*id.* at 3). Liberally construed,  
21 Petitioner’s claims are cognizable under § 2254. The Court orders Respondent to show  
22 cause why the petition should not be granted.

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## 24 CONCLUSION

25 1. The Clerk shall serve by mail a copy of this order and the petition  
26 and all attachments thereto upon the Respondent and the Respondent’s attorney, the  
27 Attorney General of the State of California. The Clerk shall also serve a copy of this  
28 order on the Petitioner.

2. Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner, **within sixty (60) days** of the date this order is filed, an answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be granted. Respondent shall file with the answer and serve on Petitioner a copy of all portions of the state parole record that have been transcribed previously and that are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the petition.

If Petitioner wishes to respond to the answer, he shall do so by filing a traverse with the Court and serving it on Respondent **within thirty (30) days** of his receipt of the answer.

3. Respondent may file a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. If Respondent files such a motion, Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on Respondent an opposition or statement of non-opposition **within thirty (30) days** of receipt of the motion, and Respondent shall file with the court and serve on Petitioner a reply **within fifteen (15) days** of receipt of any opposition.

4. It is Petitioner's responsibility to prosecute this case. Petitioner is reminded that all communications with the Court must be served on respondent by mailing a true copy of the document to Respondent's counsel. Petitioner must keep the Court and all parties informed of any change of address by filing a separate paper captioned "Notice of Change of Address." He must comply with the Court's orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 10/25/10

  
JEREMY FOGEL  
United States District Judge

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Petitioner,

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

v.

GROUNDS, Warden,

Respondent.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on 11/2/10, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: 11/2/10

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk